Assistance for modernisation of police forces

†2191. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any scheme to increase the financial assistance being provided to the States for the modernisation of the police forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In accordance with the provision to review the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces after every two years of its implemention from 2000-01, a Review Committee under the Charimanship of a Special Secretary was constituted on 6.3.2002 to look into various aspects of implementation of the Scheme and made recommendations for its improved implementation. The views of the State Governments were also obtained. The Committee submitted its report which *inter alia* recommended that Central Government's share should be increased to 75% out of which 50% should be in the form of grant-in-aid and 25% as loan. These recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Spies sent by China

†2192. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter Tibetans, Nepalese and Chinese spies are being sent by China to India, if so, what is the objective of the same and since when this practice is continuing;

(b) the number of spies apprehended in the last three-four months and what kind of materials have been seized and information gathered from them; and

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(c) what action has so far been taken by the Government to keep an eye on such activities and to put an effective check on the recurrence of the same permanently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Nothing specific has come to Govt.'s notice in this regard.

(c) Does not arise. However, a continous watch and surveillance in kept on the border. Joint patrolling by ITBP and Army is also done to keep a check on the situation.

Prolonged of women in jails

2193. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of women inmates including foreign women nationals, languishing in Indian jails at present;

(b) whether the prolonged stay of women in Indian jails is due to slow trials of women by Courts in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken for speedy trial of women inmates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) At the end of the year 2000, there were 9089 women prisoners including foreign women prisoners in jails in the country.

(b) and (c) Slow process of trial is one of the major factors for prolonged stay of women in jails. The intervention made to improve the situation in brief are as under:—

(i) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994 contains, *inter-alia*, a proposal to insert a new section namely; section 438 A in the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to provide that where an under-trial prisoner other than the one accused of an offence for which death has been prescribed as one of the punishments, has been under detention for a period extending to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment provided for the alleged offence, he should be released on personal bond, with or without sureties.

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